

# Navigator News



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## Math:

### Fourth Grade

- Unit 3 continues with a focus on multiplication/division fact families, number stories, algebra, and logic.
- Drills continue! We have started multiplication drills. Students are graphing their progress. Practice, practice, practice!

### Third Grade

- We are working in Unit 3. Topics to discuss with Navigators include measurements; US customary and metric systems. We are beginning to look at perimeter and area. By the end of next week we should be concluding Unit 3.
- Mrs.Amend's / Mrs. Melchers Navigator crew: Look for a vocabulary list of all the terms that Navigators were exposed to in Unit 2. They can highlight these in the Math Glossary that they keep at home.

## Expedition:

- This week's focus was on life cycles and the food chain/predators/prey.
- We are continuing our studies of mammals of Spokane with a classroom focus on cougars. *Students should have their research completed by now.*
- Students began sketching the habitat of their mammals.
- Next week, students will begin applying their knowledge for our exciting culminating project.

## Literacy:

- Literature circles are beginning! Many of the students have been practicing their roles and are having meaningful discussions about books. Ask your Navigator what he or she is reading.

### Community:

- Students see Mrs. Amend for drumming, Ms. Honn for art, Miss Reeve for vocal music, and Mrs. McElgunn for hockey. Students will begin new community classes on Monday, October 30.
- Through November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Navigators will be going to the YMCA for swimming lessons. When it is your child's day to go, he/she must bring a swimsuit, towel, and plastic bag for wet items.

### Homework:

- Read 30 minutes a day and record the minutes on your monthly log.
- Daily math assignments – Monday through Thursday. Be sure to return the homework assignment the NEXT day! Call a friend if you have questions 😊
- Families need to check planners on a nightly basis to ensure the building of good study habits. Please discuss your student's day, ask them to share their day with you.
- **New reading logs will come home today. They are due on Friday, December 1.**

### Additional Information:

- Please remember that treats for birthdays are welcome, but we are not able to serve homemade treats. Thank you for your flexibility in this.
- *Thank you for your generosity in contributing classroom supplies. We are still in need of ink cartridges (HP 78 and HP 45), especially color, for printers. We appreciate anyone who can help with this.*

### Upcoming Events:

- Individual student photos will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Swimming—This will be our last week
  - Miss Reeve-Monday, Oct. 30
  - Ms. Honn-Tuesday, Oct. 31
  - Mrs. Amend-Thursday, Nov. 2
  - Mrs. McElgunn-Friday, Nov. 3
- **May 5--Baby Amend due!**

**Huge thanks to all the parents who volunteer their time for the Navigators!!**